

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph numbers 9, 24-26, 31, 32, 35 and 37-39 as follows, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough and double brackets indicates deletions.

[0009] In a preferred form, at least one of the terminal wall and the holding wall or a portion of the holding wall opposed to the protruding wall is provided with an engagement ~~projection~~ protrusion biting into the sealing member. Since the engagement ~~looking~~ protrusion penetrates the sealing member, the sealing member can be prevented from dropping out of the space between the terminal and holding walls.

[0024] The cap body 11 includes a portion located between the cylindrical portion 14 and the proximal end. The portion serves as a terminal wall 17 having a larger diameter than the cylindrical portion 14. The terminal wall 17 has an end face axially opposed to the distal end face 61 of the nozzle 50. A protruding wall 18 protrudes from an outer edge of the end face of the terminal wall 17 toward the nozzle 50. Before the sealing member 12 is fitted with the cap body 11, the protruding wall 18 has a cylindrical shape and extends straightforward although this is not shown. A distal end of the protruding wall 18 is crimped so as to be pushed down inside the sealing member 12 while the sealing member is placed on the end face of the terminal wall 17. Consequently, a holding wall 19 is formed which presses the outer edge 31 of the sealing member 12 against the terminal wall 17 and holds the outer edge 31 between the terminal wall and itself.

[0025] An engagement ~~looking~~ protrusion 20 is formed on a portion of the terminal wall 17 opposed to the inner edge of the holding wall 19 as shown in FIG. 3. The engagement ~~looking~~ protrusion 20 is tapered toward the terminal wall 17. The engagement ~~looking~~ protrusion 20 is continuously formed over the entire periphery of the terminal wall 17. When the holding wall 19 is then pressed against the sealing member 12, the engagement ~~looking~~ protrusion 20 penetrates the sealing member and is held in the penetrating state.

[0026] The sealing member 12 is formed into an annular shape and fitted with a portion of the cap body 11 between the seal-fitting portion 16 and the protruding wall 18. The sealing member 12 has an inner edge formed with an adhering protrusion 30 and an outer edge 31 formed with a flat portion held between the terminal wall 17 and the protruding wall 18. A distal

end of the adhering protrusion 30 has a semicircular section before the nozzle cap 10 is attached to the nozzle 50, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 3.

[0031] The nozzle cap 10 is turned in the opposed direction as that in the attachment when to be detached from the nozzle 50. In this case, the sealing member 12 is subjected to a rotational force when closely adherent to the nozzle 50. However, since the sealing member 12 is pressed and held between the terminal wall 17 and the holding wall 19, the sealing member is turned together with the cap body 11 thereby to be released from the adherence to the nozzle 50. Even if the sealing member 12 should be turned between the walls 17 and 19 while being adherent to the nozzle 50, the sealing member would be separated from the tapered face 58 of the nozzle 50 while being held at the cap body 11 side between the walls 17 and 19 and by the engagement of the engagement locking protrusion 20 upon axial movement in such a direction as to depart from the nozzle.

[0032] As described above, the nozzle cap 10 of the embodiment is provided with the holding wall 19 cooperating with the terminal wall 17 to press and hold the edge of the sealing member 12. Furthermore, the terminal wall 17 includes the engagement locking protrusion 20 penetrating into the sealing member 12. Accordingly, the sealing member 12 adherent to the nozzle 50 is prevented from being separated from the nozzle cap 10 when the nozzle cap is detached from the nozzle. Furthermore, the distal end of the protruding wall 18 is crimped to be formed into the holding wall 19 after the sealing member 12 has been assembled to the nozzle cap 10, and thereafter, the cylindrical cover 13 is fitted with the nozzle cap. Thus, the sealing member 12 can easily be assembled to the nozzle cap 10 and the protruding wall 18 can easily be crimped. Additionally, the sealing member 12 can be surrounded by the cylindrical cover 13 thereby to be protected.

[0035] The terminal wall 72 includes an inner face 72A located inside the cylindrical member 71. The sealing member 73 is provided on the inner face 72A of the terminal wall 72. The sealing member 73 has a generally annular shape and includes the axially protruding adhering protrusion 74 formed along the outer circumferential edge thereof. The sealing member 73 further includes the axially flat portion 75 formed along an inner circumferential edge thereof. The terminal wall 72 includes a protruding wall 76 rising from portion of the terminal wall 72 located inside the sealing member 73. The distal end of the protruding wall 76 is crimped thereby to be pressed down toward the flat portion 75 of the sealing member 73, whereby the

holding wall 77 is formed. The terminal wall 72 includes a part along which the sealing member 73 is provided. The part of the terminal wall 72 is formed with the engagement locking protrusion 78 protruding toward the sealing member 73. The engagement locking-protrusion 78 penetrates into the sealing member 73 when the holding wall 77 is pressed against the sealing member.

[0037] Modified forms of the invention will now be described. The engagement locking protrusions 20 and 78 are formed along the overall circumferences of the terminal walls 17 and 72 in the foregoing embodiments respectively. However, the engagement locking protrusion may be formed discontinuously along the circumference of the terminal wall, instead.

[0038] The engagement locking-protrusions 20 and 78 are formed on the terminal walls 17 and 72 in the foregoing embodiments respectively. However, the engagement locking protrusion may be formed on the holding wall or the engagement locking-protrusions may be formed on the terminal wall and the holding wall respectively, instead.

[0039] An engagement locking-protrusion 80 may be formed on the seal-fitting portion 16 in the first embodiment as shown in FIG. 6. Furthermore, the nozzle cap may include both the engagement locking-protrusion 20 formed on the terminal wall 17 and the engagement locking-protrusion 80 formed on the seal-fitting portion 16. Additionally, the protruding walls 18 and 76 are cylindrical in the foregoing embodiments respectively. However, the protruding wall may be formed circumferentially discontinuously, instead.